

## DeGroot School of Business Graduate Awards for Indigenous Learners

### PROPOSED TERMS:

Established in 2020, the DeGroot School of Business Graduate Awards for Indigenous Learners are supported by the faculty of business to address inequalities in access for indigenous learners and to assist in removing barriers. The award is tenable through the length of the program. Up to five (5) awards will be offered each year (for entrance in the Fall term) to include tuition as well as additional related expenses to a maximum of \$15,000 per academic year, tenable throughout the normal length of the degree, to enable engagement and success in the program.

### Eligibility

- Indigenous persons who self-identify as First Nations, Inuit, or Métis
- Be a student entering McMaster into a graduate level program, including the: MBA full-time (with or without co-op), Accelerated MBA, or Blended Learning Part-time MBA
- Admission to the program of application based on overall qualifications and experience
- Demonstrated engagement in your Indigenous community and heritage

### Criteria

- Demonstrate financial need.
  - Submission of a supplementary application with budget categories for assessment
- Provide an essay describing the influence that your Indigenous heritage has on your volunteer activities, leadership opportunities, university program choice, career path, or other community involvement that is important to you (1 – 2 pages).
- Reference letter (or letter of support) from a non-family member highlighting the applicant's engagement within their Indigenous community (e.g., Urban Indigenous community, indigenous student community at their current institution, home community/First Nation, etc.)

### Adjudication

- Overseen by a selection Committee coordinated by Indigenous Student Services.
  - For purposes of this award, an appointed member of the MBA program, DeGroot School of Business will participate in the committee to assist in selecting the recipient(s).

### Value

Full cost of tuition in a graduate program in the DeGroot School of Business, tenable throughout the normal length of the degree, including:

- Accelerated MBA, Full-time MBA, Full-time MBA with Co-op, or Blended Learning Part-time MBA

Recipients will have access to annual support for related expenses to a maximum of \$15,000 per academic year, to a maximum of three (3) years, that will facilitate your attendance and success in the program. These may be dedicated towards incidental expenses including: co-op fees, transportation to and from classes or residences, living or hotel accommodations (relevant to BLPT residencies), childcare expenses, meals, textbooks, technology requirements, internet access, or additional ancillary fees.